

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL

NO. 2008-196

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
Originator:	KJR	3/26/08	<p>RECEIVED</p> <p>APR 29 2008</p> <p>WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL</p>	5-06-08	Introduction
Division Head:	N/A	N/A		5/20/08	Council
Dept. Head:	N/A	N/A			
Prosecutor:	<i>Raw</i> DLG	3-25-08			
Purchasing/Budget:	BB <i>bb</i>	3-27-08			
Executive:	PK				

TITLE OF DOCUMENT: *An ordinance defining indigence for the Veterans' Relief Fund.*

ATTACHMENTS: *Proposed ordinance.*

SEPA review required?	() Yes	(X) NO	Should Clerk schedule a hearing?	() Yes	() NO
SEPA review completed?	() Yes	() NO		Requested Date:	

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE: *(If this item is an ordinance or requires a public hearing, you must provide the language for use in the required public notice. Be specific and cite RCW or WCC as appropriate. Be clear in explaining the intent of the action.)*

This ordinance amends the Whatcom County Code 2.150, to include the definition of indigence as required by RCW 73.08.005.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

5/20/2008: Forwarded to Council for approval

COUNCIL ACTION:

5/06/2008: Introduced
5/20/2008: Council Adopted 7-0
Ord. 2008-021

Related County Contract #:

Related File Numbers:

Ordinance or Resolution Number:
Ord. 2008-021

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SPONSORED BY: Whatcom County Veterans'
Advisory Board

PROPOSED BY: County Executive

INTRODUCTION DATE: 5/06/2008

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-021

ORDINANCE AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 2.150
BY ADDING A NEW SECTION DEFINING "INDIGENT"
FOR PURPOSES OF THE VETERANS' ASSISTANCE FUND

WHEREAS, RCW 73.08.005 directs each county's legislative authority to define "indigent" as it applies that county's Veterans' Assistance Fund; and,

WHEREAS. The content of the definition provide below is drawn directly from the language approved for the definition of "indigent" within RCW 73.08.005; and

WHEREAS, Whatcom County Code Chapter 2.150, Whatcom County Veterans' Advisory Board, to date does not define "indigent"; and,

WHEREAS, a definition of the term will assist the Veterans' Advisory Board in determining eligibility for the Veterans' Assistance Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that Whatcom County Code Chapter 2.150 shall be amended to add a new section to read as follows:

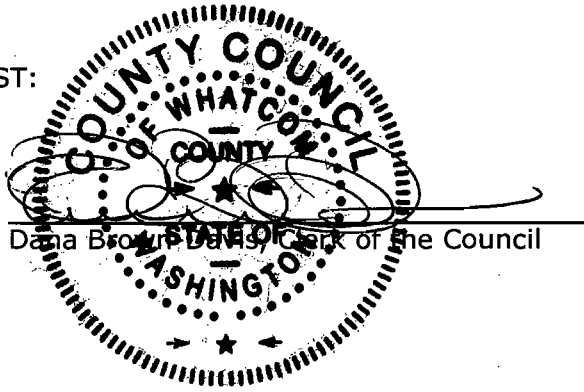
2.150.025 Indigent.

"Indigent" means a person who is:

- (a) Receiving one of the following types of public assistance: Temporary assistance for needy families, general assistance, poverty-related veteran's benefits, food stamps or food stamp benefits transferred electronically, refugee resettlement benefits, Medicaid or supplemental security income;
- (b) Receiving an annual income, after taxes, of 150% or less of the current federally established poverty level; or
- (c) Determined by the Whatcom County to be unable to pay reasonable costs for shelter, food, utilities, and transportation because his or her available funds are insufficient.

ADOPTED this 20th day of May, 2008.

ATTEST:

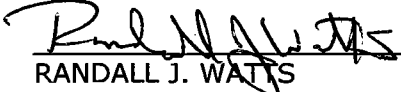


Dana Brown, Clerk of the Council


WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON


 Carl Weimer, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


 RANDALL J. WATTS
 Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON


 PETE KREMEN
 County Executive

() Approved () Denied

Date Signed: 